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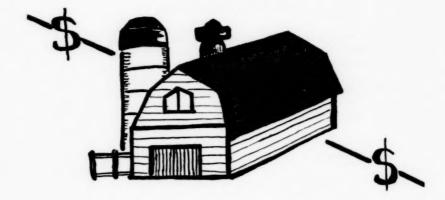
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Financing the Farm Business

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Basic Considerations 1

CERTAIN BASIC factors determine the income-producing capacity of a farm business and of the family that operates it, and therefore the ability of

a farmer to repay a loan.

The first is adequate size of business to make efficient use of labor and machinery. It should have such size that the farmer can obtain an adequate living, carry operating costs (including insurance and taxes), repay loans (both production and real estate, with interest), and gradually increase the owner's equity.

The farm should be operated so as to obtain high production of livestock and good yields of crops, using improved operating methods, good seed, new crop varieties, balanced fertilizers, well-bred livestock, and labor-

saving equipment and practices.

Production costs should be studied to keep them as low as possible.

This requires efficient use of both machinery and labor.

Present capital requirements make farm business planning necessary to use every facility to capacity, and to utilize all available outside aids. The amount of capital, new machines, new methods, and larger size require a high quality of managerial ability.

Even in this day of specialization, the farm business may need to have more than one important source of income to make fullest use of land,

labor, machinery, and capital.

Greater dependence on markets and prices for successful farm operation places greater emphasis on outlook and prices and the ability to fit production more nearly to demand.

Capital Requirements

The greater amount of capital needed today to farm effectively requires more credit and a more effective use of the various kinds of credit. This greater amount of cash needed to operate means that a \$2,500 equity toward the purchase of a \$25,000-\$30,000 farm is much less effective than was

\$1,000 toward the purchase of a \$10,000 farm several years ago.

In most of the northeast today, an efficient-sized business means a farm capable of carrying a minimum of 25 cows, or its equivalent in other types of farming, and we are rapidly approaching the time when 35-40 cows may be a minimum essential. At present prices for farm, livestock, and equipment, such a farm operation requires an eventual total investment for farm, livestock, and equipment of over \$1,000 per cow, divided roughly as follows: 40-45 percent in farm, 30-40 percent in livestock, 25-30 percent in machinery, and 5 percent for supplies.

Similar investment for poultry would be about \$10 to \$12 per hen, divided as follows: 50-60 percent in real estate, 25-30 percent in livestock, 15-20 percent in equipment, and 5 percent for supplies.

For apples the investment might be measured in value per tree, at probably \$10-\$15 per tree, divided as follows: 35-40 percent in real estate (excluding trees), 30-35 percent in stock (trees), 25-30 percent in equipment,

and 5-10 percent in supplies.

Farm credit is one of the tools used in obtaining more efficient farm operation, and is a necessary, legitimate, and an important element in operating a successful farm business. Like fertilizer, however, a farmer must know when to use it, how much, and what kind. This is sometimes difficult to determine, yet the decision has to be made.

Credit Problems

Under present economic conditions, the acquisition of an adequatesized farm presents many problems. The most important is that of obtaining control of the large amount of capital necessary to purchase and operate such an enterprise. Much of this capital must be obtained through credit.

A major problem in the use of credit is the difficulty of predicting future economic conditions, price relations, and price changes. Over the years, the most important single factor affecting incomes of farmers and their ability to repay mortgage and other loans has been the general price level.²

General Price Level

Inefficiencies in operation, from lack of capital, or machinery, or adequate size, or the inability to adapt to changed or changing conditions, make repayment of a loan difficult even in good times. When the price level is falling drastically, it becomes difficult for the most efficient to repay loans.

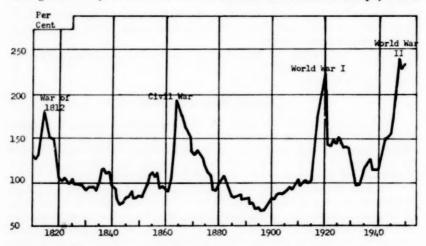


Fig. 1. The General Price Level of the United States

Since farming today must operate on large amounts of credit, how credit is used is frequently of more importance than its amount. Not only is it important to use credit wisely because we have to use more of it, but we now have credit developed for various distinct uses. Many can look back to the time when mortgage and dealer credit for farmers were about the only forms available.

Changed Credit Needs

• Today, while dealer credit is still an important source of credit, other sources are now available, better suited for both short and long periods and at a much lower cost. As agriculture has developed out of the more or less self-contained individual business to a vastly important commercial enterprise, these other sources of credit have grown up to meet the need.

The Federal Land Bank system was the first step in the development of a sound, nation-wide, long-term credit system devised for farmers. Since then various other credit agencies have been developed to meet the ever-increasing amount and variety of credit needed by agriculture. Changes in agriculture and banking have led local commercial banks to become interested in developing both their short-term and long-term farm loan business.

Today, short-term farm debt exceeds farm mortgage debt. Such short-term debt will continue relatively large as long as the price level remains high. More cash is required for seasonal production costs, especially for the elements which enter into high yields. With the shortage of labor, more mechanization will be required, and more machinery makes greater income from an expanding farm business not only possible, but necessary. Credit, therefore, is an expanding farm tool.

Types of Credit

Two general principles for the use of farm credit may be stated: (1) Loans should be repaid out of farm income, and (2) The length of the loan period should be fitted to the length of the life of the commodity or the use for which the loan was obtained. This use determines the kind of loan.

There are three general types of credit: short-term, intermediate, and long-term.

Short-Term Credit

Short-term credit usually includes periods up to 12 months and is used for current operating and production needs, such as the purchase of seed, fertilizer, feed, minor repairs, and other similar items. It may be obtained by actually borrowing money on personal note, either with or without chattel security, or buying "on time" from a merchant or dealer. The best places to obtain short-term farm credit are, in general, banks and production credit associations. The cost of credit from banks and production credit associations is usually much less than credit obtained from merchants and dealers. To facilitate short-term borrowings, a credit statement is desirable, with a statement of how the loan will be repaid.

Intermediate Credit

Intermediate credit is for periods of 12 to 30 months. It is used primarily for the purchase of livestock, machinery, for making extensive repairs, or minor improvements such as drainage, fencing, re-roofing, land clearing, where a longer period than one year is needed for repayment.

Credit of this kind frequently avoids a possible curtailing of current farm operations, or causing hardship in family living because of too-heavy loan repayments resulting from the shorter term. Such credit, for purposes of increasing production, should result in increased future net income. Where such credit is used for purely personal or family living purposes, and does not increase income, it can be justified financially only when repayment can be foreseen out of future savings or earnings.

These intermediate loans are secured by a note or notes, and usually by some form of chattel mortgage or other security instrument in addition. A chattel mortgage includes authority to dispose of the property in case of

default.

Long-term credit

This is for periods up to 40 years. Buying a farm requires long-term financing. This is primarily the problem of the younger man, to secure sufficient resources to organize a paying business as well as to establish a home for a growing family. This is the most difficult time in the whole farm ownership period, and legal rules and other forces restrict the amounts that may be loaned at this most critical time. There are instances when a moderate increase in the amount of the loan above that usually considered sound would relieve the operator of some immediate financial worries, and might involve less risk to the lender than a smaller amount. Some changes in our loan system may have to be considered. One such change might be a plan of no principal payment for the first five years of the loan, so that more funds would be available for the young man to get started.

Getting Started In Farming

There are no easy answers to this major problem. It may result in the young man seeking other employment because of the enormous credit barrier to entry into farming.

The Small Farm

Starting on a small farm and working out is a most difficult way to get started farming. So much more cash and machinery are now required to compete with good farms adequately capitalized, that the present hand-operated, or under- or over-equipped small farm prevents the owner of a small farm from operating efficiently. One needs to consider carefully before investing savings in a small farm.

Agricultural Ladder

With higher wages and some opportunities for income-sharing, the possibility of getting started in farming by the old so-called agricultural ladder is still open, but the rungs in the ladder are farther apart. Good training, experience, and adoption of good business methods are more essential today, however, because se many more of the costs of farm operation and living are cash costs. A young man must be able to carry on financially much more quickly than in the past.

Working as a hired man to acquire experience and some capital, and possibly establish a reputation, and using accumulated savings to purchase

stock and equipment, is a slow method.

Farm Rental

There are some opportunities in the northeast to get started by lease or rental of a farm. Such opportunities presuppose some successful experience, ownership of some livestock and machinery, and an adequate-sized farm. On the basis of present prices for farms and for livestock and machinery, it usually requires less cash to obtain a suitable farm than to buy

the necessary livestock and machinery to operate it.

It is somewhat easier to attain farm ownership by this method by using one's acquired experience and working capital on a rented farm. In this way the young man acquires the use of more capital than he can readily borrow and at considerably less cost. This has the great advantage that one's capital is not tied up in small farm ownership at a time when all one's equity in livestock, machinery, and working capital is needed and can be best used on a farm of adequate size.

Business or Partnership Arrangements

Another method that may be used to get started in farming is by developing a business or partnership arrangement between father and son

or sons, or son-in-law, or with another farmer.

Such an arrangement may be by acquisition by contractual purchase of a part or all of the farm business by the younger man. In the latter case his responsibilities would expand as his equity in the farm business increases. Unless there is rather early and increasingly greater delegation of responsibility from elder to younger, dissatisfaction and lessened fulfillment of the farm possibilities frequently result.

Long-time agreements with family, relative, or neighbor should provide for legal and orderly transfer of property to the younger man, if it is the desire of both parties that the younger partner should eventually own the business. Both parties should be further protected by wills or other suitable legal instruments, so that equitable settlement may be made if and when it should become necessary to dispose of the equity of either party.

Acquisition by Inheritance

Acquiring a farm by inheritance sometimes raises questions more difficult to answer than that of insufficient capital. Acquiring the farm by marrying the farmer's daughter is a form of inheritance. In both cases one big financial problem is solved if the inheritor is an only child. Even here the hesitancy on the part of the parent to give a gradual and accelerating increase in responsibility of operation and management to the younger couple may result in such dissatisfaction as to make successful operation difficult or impossible.

Where there are other heirs, the necessity for paying them off presents definite restrictions to successful farm operation. Settlement of the estate too early and too abruptly loads the beginning operator with a very heavy debt before he has acquired adequate operating equity. This problem is further aggravated by each additional heir, reducing the operator's share and

increasing his potential debt.

A still further difficulty is in establishing a reasonable price for the farm business to avoid insofar as possible a farm price too high when the price of land changes.

Credit Needs For Established Farms

Once the farm is in full operation, credit is usually more readily available. The most serious errors likely to be made at this time are excessive investments in unnecessarily expensive buildings, in land improvement on ques-

tionable land, in the accumulation of unneeded or little-used inventories of machinery, or in spending too heavily for high-priced foundation livestock.

Beyond this period, chief credit needs will be for ordinary production needs or for transferring capital assets to a younger operator. Since a farmer's savings account consists largely of capital assets invested in the farm business, credit will be needed and available in direct relation to his equity. When handled properly, accumulated capital assets can be reconverted to cash for the older owner's use.

How Much Credit To Use

The amount of credit to extend to an individual farm operator depends primarily on his ability to use it efficiently. Probably no two individuals could be loaned the same amount on the same property and expect to arrive at the same goal. There are instances in which the lean obtained has been too small, restricting the operator in the proper development of his farm. Another thousand dollars or two would not increase the risk in proportion and might relieve the operator of worries through lack of operating capital, and give the desired financial leeway to make the operator and operation successful.

The amount of credit to use depends on three things.

- 1. How much is needed for efficient operation. This amount may be the maximum permitted on that farm to that farmer or it may be very much less. This amount and its use will determine whether to use a long-term, intermediate, or short-term loan. It is dependent on the stage of development of, and paying for, the farm business and on the present debt situation of the operator.
- 2. How much can be repaid out of operating income. The question is, will this loan enable the operator to increase his income by an amount at least sufficient to cover additional operating expenses and repay the loan? The first lien on farm income is living for the family, then taxes, then operating expenses. What is left is available for interest and principal payments on the loan. This amount above living and operating costs will determine the size of repayments and the length of the loan period.
- 3. How much can be borrowed under reasonable terms suited to the needs of operator and geared to his ability to repay. Probably most important are the credit sources available in the area, banks interested in loaning to farmers, F.C.A. agencies, life insurance companies, individuals, dealer credit, etc.

The borrower will need to convince the lender of his needs, his repayment ability, the value of collateral, and his personal integrity. All but the last may be shown by use of a credit and operating statement. His personal integrity is an intangible but important part of the loan transaction.

There are limitations on the maximum amounts some lending agencies may loan. These may be determined by loan policy of the individual lending agency or by legal restrictions. The percentages of size of loan to appraisal value of the property, established by the various lending agencies, indicate the usual sound limits. Whether or not the lending agency loans the maximum permissable amount, or any amount, should be determined only after a careful study of the individual's need, his apparent capacity to use the loan efficiently as indicated by his training and experience as a

farm operator, his previous credit experience, and his present equity, especially in personal property. This should all be in reference to the general economic situation.

Obtaining credit in the amount and on the terms desired by, and suited to, agriculture may be limited by the desire of the local lending agency to make the desired kind of loan. Some banks in industrial areas may be too small to want to loan in the amount desired. They may prefer to make several small loans of \$2,500 each, rather than one large loan for \$25,000. This may change the farmer's loan program or the source of credit.

Sound Rules For Using Credit³

In order that credit may best serve the borrower, consideration should be given to the following points:

- Obtain credit where they specialize in selling it, i.e., banks, production credit associations, land banks, life insurance companies, etc.
- Keep loans within safe limits. Borrow an amount large enough to assist materially in increasing net profits, but an amount which can be repaid. Work out a repayment plan for every loan.
- 3. Borrow for productive purposes. See that the money actually serves the purpose for which it was borrowed.
- 4. Budget the expenditures of the loan money as well as anticipated income. Have a definite plan.
- 5. Make credit contacts well in advance. File credit and operating statements. Get acquainted with the lending officials and agencies. Keep them informed about plans and progress.
- 6. Select an agency and a type of loan best suited to needs. Other things being equal, borrow at the lowest interest rate, preferably one that is guaranteed for the life of the loan.
- 7. Consider the outlook for markets and prices. Determine the productive period of the enterprises for which loans are to be used. Repayment should be made during such period.
- 8. Pay cash and get the discount on purchases of seed, feed, fertilizer, livestock, machinery, and other farm supplies.

Establishing A Good Credit Standing³

The right use of agricultural credit is sound business procedure and it should serve to increase the net income from the farm. A good credit rating is a valuable asset; it should be established with the proper lending agencies as a matter of sound business policy. It may provide the means by which one can take advantage of immediate business opportunities when they arise.

There are seven important points which should be followed in establishing a good credit rating:

- 1. File annual credit and operating statements with the local lending agency. A credit statement shows your financial condition and net worth. An operating statement shows your receipts and expenses (see Appendix A).
- 2. Take annual inventories and keep records of cash receipts and expenses. Account books provide space for these.

- Keep a farm account book. One may be obtained from the State Cooperative Extension Service or from the local county agricultural agent.
- 4. Utilize accounts in preparing a financial statement as well as in improving farm practices. A financial statement is a summary of receipts, expenses, and income for the year.
- Prepare a budget of probable expenses and income in advance of each year's operations to serve as a guide.
 - 6. Have a repayment plan for every loan.
- Take care of credit obligations on time. Promptness in meeting debt obligations is important.

Complete Financial Planning²

The increasing use of credit in farm operation, the number of credit agencies, the great variety of credit available, and the uses to which it may be put emphasize the need of a complete financial plan for the farmer on his farm.

The farm mortgage loan is only one of the several credit transactions that a farmer may have with a bank or other credit agency. The combination of farm mortgage, chattel mortgages, and other evidences of financial obligation, depending on the kind and volume of credit needed, make it very desirable that the farmer select that credit agency which he feels will best meet his complete financial needs whether it be the local bank, production credit and the land bank, or other credit agency. Once this selection has been made the credit needs of the farmer will usually best be met by developing his whole financial program with that lending agency. It means establishing but one credit rating, one schedule of planned repayments, and one credit program.

The adoption of such a plan means that the farmer and his credit agency may well study the over-all needs of the individual farm operation in order to be in a better position to provide the credit agency's financial service and to plan for the kind and amount of machinery, livestock, seeds, fertilizer, maintenance, and other items required for maximum efficiency in producing maximum net income. Estimates of farm income and expenses can be carefully worked out and a financial program set up with disbursement schedules timed to meet operating expenditures, and repayment schedules geared to sale of farm crops and livestock. The terms of such a planned financial program will of course be determined by the repayment capacity of the farm unit.

Special Credit Needs

Special Service Mortgage Lending²

The importance of soil conservation to maintain and increase the productive capacity of our agricultural industry presents opportunity for extending credit for necessary soil conservation practices. This requires a very flexible credit program tailored to meet special and individual needs. Some of this may be long-term or mortgage credit.

G. I. Farm Mortgage Loans²

The first problem in connection with veterans' farm purchase loans is to protect the veteran against contracting excessive debts based on two false assumptions: (1) that the loan may be considered as a grant and pressure will not be used to obtain repayment, and (2) that the bank may overloan because the loam is guaranteed. Both ideas do not make for sound loan policy.¹

Full-Value Real Estate Loans

Studies of Farmers' Home Administration 100 percent real estate loans on dairy farms in Wisconsin show that in periods of stable or rising prices farmers can pay off such loans and still maintain an adequate standard of living. In periods of falling prices, such loans are much more difficult to repay.

The purchase price of a farm now, however, is probably less than half of the total cost of an operating farm business. Livestock and machinery require at least as much capital as for the farm itself for a farm operation which will provide an adequate living for the family, pay operating costs,

and retire the debt.

For the younger man who desires to farm but lacks sufficient capital, both to buy the farm and to stock and equip it, the best plan may be to rent, or work out a partnership arrangement on a good farm. Loans from either individuals or the Farmers' Home Administration may, however, be considered. Insufficient funds have been made available to F.H.A. so that relatively few such opportunities exist in several states. Such loans presuppose that the prospective buyer have a reasonable amount of his own capital for livestock and machinery to begin adequate operations.

Part-time Farmers²

Changes in our economy, with good roads and the 40-hour week, provide many families with the opportunity to work in the city but live in the country. These families vary all the way from the full-time worker with a home in the country to a nearly full-time farm worker with a job off the farm.

They constitute a large and growing proportion of our rural population in the northeast. Some special credit attention needs to be given them. Loans and repayments should be based on city income, since in most cases repayment installments must be larger than the productivity of the farm would justify.

Special Credit Problems

The extension of credit for certain items needs special consideration. Investment in purebred stock is one that may well be postponed until such time as the herd is large enough, with production sufficent to carry operating as well as loan repayment expense. One might suggest the plan whereby a dairyman who had built up to a herd of 25 good grade cows could probably afford to invest in two or three purebreds as foundation stock on which to build a purebred herd. The present artificial breeding establishments in the various states change both grade and purebred breeding programs, providing better replacements than could be obtained by individual ownership of a bull, the value of which would be limited by the size of the herd. No high investment in a really good bull is necessary until such time as herd size and farm income warrant individual bull ownership.

Investment in machinery and equipment may also be a financial quicksand. Tractor and land-fitting tractor equipment are necessary. Investment in some of the lately developed harvesting machinery should be studied. Actually some of the better harvesting machinery, already owned and more effectively used, may be better than the latest machinery inefficiently used, either because of some inadequacies in accompanying machinery or inadequacies in method. The trend toward grass silage seems to indicate a need for ownership of a forage harvester, but before purchase one needs to investigate the opportunities to hire from a neighbor or carry part of its cost by doing work for other farmers. Credit for the purchase of such machinery must be based on an ability to repay the loan from savings or inceased income.

With 25 cows as the basis of farm operations, the question arises as to the need for ownership of many of the larger items of farm machinery. Shortage of labor may force the issue. Then the question arises whether to own, with its high costs but opportunity to use at the most satisfactory period, or rent, with the inconvenience of not being able to have its use at the right time.

If the machine can be hired without much inconvenience, its rental permits the use of capital for other possibly more important things.

It will usually pay to hire machine work, if it can be done at the right time and its cost is no more than the cost of use of the owned machine. In some localities of the northeast, custom use of machinery is available for almost every job.*

The need for new or remodeled buildings in many instances forces such investment. But in other cases this investment may be postponed by some simple and inexpensive rearrangement or change in method of doing chores. A young man starting farming may save something on immediate high cost for a conventional stable, by providing a milking parlor and pen stable in the barn area, which might if desirable be converted later into the conventional stable.

Although cost of remodeling a stable may be as great as a new stable, the additional cost of maintenance of the larger building may be greater than any increase in possible savings brought about by the new stable.

Most successful farmers use both short- and long-term credit for efficient operation. The following are the usual sources of farm credit: (1) merchants and dealers, (2) state and national banks, (3) production credit associations, federal land banks, and other government supervised credit agencies, (4) life insurance companies, (5) individuals making direct loans to farmers, and (6) individual sale with mortgage.

Credit Sources and Costs

The best place to buy anything is usually at a place that specializes in the article or service desired. So it is with credit. In general, credit should be obtained where it may be purchased at the lowest cost.

Merchant and Dealer Credit³

Many times it is easier and quicker to obtain some credit needs from a merchant or dealer from whom one buys farm supplies. Such credit usually costs more than credit from a bank or production credit association.

^{*}When to Hire and When to Own Farm Equipment on New England Dairy Farms, G. E. Frick and S. B. Weeks, University of New Hampshire Extension Service, Circular 302.

Certain facts developed in a study of dealer credit in Vermont are generally applicable. Only a small percentage (10-15) of such dealers charge interest, and many of these do not collect it. Cattle dealers regularly, most implement dealers, and 10-15 percent of the grocers use some evidence of indebtedness such as notes. Not all merchants make a direct credit charge. Many feed dealers give a cash discount on feed of one to two dollars per ton. Some suppliers give a one or two percent discount for cash. This means that the credit customer frequently pays one to two percent per month for credit, the equivalent of a high annual interest charge.

Credit Costs in Buying Feed

The following table will illustrate such cost. The farmer is assumed to have purchased four tons of feed each month. The cost of borrowing the money at six percent from a bank and paying cash for grain, is compared with buying it on credit at one dollar and two dollars per ton more. Assume that the farmer pays his bills in full at the end of each month. The annual interest rate is based upon the maximum amount of credit used at any time.

Table 1. Comparative Costs in Purchasing Feed on a Cash and Credit Basis

	(A)	(B)	(C)
	Cash	Credit	Credit
Amount purchased monthly	4 tons	4 tons	4 tons
Cost per ton	\$90	\$91	\$92
Monthly expenditure	\$360	\$364	\$368
Credit source	Bank	Dealer	Dealer
Cost of credit	6%	\$1 ton	\$2 ton
Maximum credit used	\$360	\$364	\$368
Credit cost per month	\$1.775	\$4.00	\$8.00
Credit cost per year	\$21.30	\$48.00	\$96.00
Equiv. annual interest rate	6%	13.19%	26.09%

In actual practice, some feed companies consider payment in 30 days as a cash transaction. In that case, 30 days additional time for payment might be allowed in each example. But feed companies find greater difficulty in maintaining a discount schedule for cash at 30 days because customers "forget" to pay in time but still hope the dealer will grant the discount. Loss of good will sometimes results.

The convenience and the service rendered in making credit available may be even more important than the cost. When higher risks are involved, you should expect to pay a higher interest rate. Farmers sometimes receive dealer credit when they cannot get credit elsewhere.

In the foregoing example and the one which follows on the purchase of a tractor, we should not assume that the farmer did not get value received at the higher rate. The dealer may have had to borrow money from a bank and reloan it as credit to the farmer or he may have to assume obligations if the farmer fails to make payment. Many dealers extend credit in order to make sales and yet would actually prefer to stay out of the credit business. Some turn credit sales over to a finance company. This is rather common practice on automobile and machinery sales. But most feed companies extend credit directly to farmers.

Some dealers do not make a regular practice of either allowing discounts or adding on for credit. But if the purchaser wishes to pay cash, he should ask for a discount. Otherwise he is actually helping to carry the credit cost of the man who does not pay cash.

Credit Costs For Buying a Tractor³

In the purchase of machinery and automobiles, the buyer often makes a down-payment, with the balance in a number of equal monthly installments which include principal and interest. Insurance and financing may be included in such payments.

It is usually less costly to borrow money at a bank or production credit association on a straight note and pay cash for the machine at time of purchase.

The following illustration on the purchase of an \$1,800 tractor shows the cost of two methods of financing. In each case the farmer assumes he can save enough to pay \$100 per month on the principal, plus interest charges.

Table 2. Comparative Interest Costs on Purchase of a Tractor Under Two Fiance Plans

	Type of I	Finance Plan
	Money borrowed on four three-months' notes, interest at annual rate of 5%	6% added to amount borrowed and total paid in 12 equal payments
Down payment	\$ 600	\$ 600
Amount needed to pay balance	\$1200	\$1200
Total amount of loan	\$1200°	\$1272
		(\$72.00 interest in advance)
Average amount available (12 months' basis)	\$ 750	\$ 650
Dollars paid in interest	\$ 45	\$ 72
Interest rate expressed as annual rate	6%	11.08%

^{*}Assume the payment of \$300 on principal, plus interest on each 3-month note.

Farm Loans From Individuals

Data on farm mortgage and other loans by individuals are difficult to obtain, but indications are that such loans constitute a very important source of farm credit. Its advantages are: arrangements for the loan may be made quickly, a larger percentage of the purchase price may be retained by the lender as mortgage, frequently a low interest rate is charged, and by agreement no payments on principal may be required in the early years.

Its disadvantages are: usually a short term, a renewal fee, the possibility of forced maturity of the loan because of change in family status or death of the lender, frequently no regular amortization plan, and the possibility of a high interest rate.

Bank Credit³

Types of Banks and Services They Render

National banks are under the supervision of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Reserve System, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. They make both secured and unsecured loans. Their loans include personal loans with and without good endorsers or co-makers, collateral loans using interest account bank books, life insurance policies, and stocks and bonds as security. They also make loans on cattle, automobiles, household furniture, etc., secured with chattel mortgage or chattel mortgage

with power of sale. The latter is used as extra protection for the bank because it puts the bank in position, in case of default, to foreclose the mortgage and dispose of the security. National banks also make many unsecured loans to persons whose credit statements and demonstrated capacity prove their ability to repay. National banks are limited on real estate mortgages to 50 percent of the appraised valuation, although they may loan to 60 percent if the loan is amortized and 40 percent of it is repaid in 10 years. In the case of a loan on timber land or agricultural land, national banks can

not make a loan unless there are buildings on the property.

Savings banks are under the supervision of the State Bank Commissioner or Superintendent of Banks in the state concerned. Their principal loans are those secured by real estate mortgages, either on residential or farm property. Savings banks cannot make a loan secured solely by a chattel mortgage on cattle, automobiles, etc. In some states they can make chattel loans in association with a real estate mortgage and included in the amount of the real estate mortgage. This is done occasionally when a farmer wishes to purchase more cattle or equipment in order to increase his earning power. Savings banks may make loans on timber land or agricultural land even though there are no buildings thereon. In some states they may also make personal loans with good signers, or collateral loans secured by savings bank accounts, insurance policies, or stocks that are on the legal list compiled by the office of the Bank Commissioner.

Trust companies are of several types. They may include national banks that have been granted trust powers or state-chartered commercial banks and guaranty savings banks that have taken on trust powers. In addition to their respective banking functions, they may also settle estates, act as trustees

for estates and instituions, and act as fiscal or transfer agents.

State-chartered commercial banks may loan to farmers for any sound purposes that give promise of repayment and that are without undue hazard to the lender. In addition to the restrictions, based on sound credit principles, state-chartered commercial banks must observe the following limitations: (1) the total loan to any one borrower from the commercial department may not exceed 10 percent of the bank's capital and surplus. and (2) no real estate loan may exceed a percentage, fixed by state law of the value of the security. (This limitation does not apply to G. I. loans or loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration.)

Differences Between Savings and Commercial Banks

Banks differ in their operations, depending upon the purpose for which they were organized and the laws under which they operate. One major distinction is between savings banks and commercial banks. This distinction is more clear-cut in some states than in others. Commercial banks frequently have savings departments. Some banks have a strictly commercial and a strictly savings bank as separate corporations in the same building, frequently on opposite sides of the same lobby, with the services of one bank supplementing the services of the other.

In general, people deposit money in a savings bank: (1) to accumulate funds for some future need, and (2) to earn interest on their money when they are not using it. (Usually no interest is paid on demand deposits in commercial banks.) Thus, deposits of savings banks are less active than deposits of commercial banks. For that reason, savings banks may safely invest a large proportion of their deposits in real estate mortgages which are

repaid less quickly than current operating loans. Commercial banks, because their deposits are repayable on demand, must make a higher percentage of

their loans for short periods of time.

In general, applicants for bank credit may look to savings banks for first-mortgage real estate loans and to national banks and state-chartered commercial banks for both short-term operating and mortgage loans. Statechartered commercial banks also make yearly mortgage loans, but emphasis

is placed on operating loans.

Banks have credit to sell. It is one of the important services which banks render to provide income. When a farmer goes to a bank for a loan he should not feel that he is asking a favor. He should consider it a business transaction and he should have the necessary facts for presentation. Mr. Paul Henderson, Secretary of the Agricultural Committee of the New Hampshire Bankers' Association, makes this statement concerning applications for loans:

"In order to enable a banker to give fast service and get an accurate picture of a farmer's situation, it would be helpful if the following information were available at the first interview: (1) a statement of the applicant's previous farming and business experience, (2) a carefully drawn-up plan of his anticipated operations for at least one year in advance, (3) the acreage of his farm, and the size, condition, and adaptability of his buildings, and (4) a list of his assets and liabilities, together with a statement of his net income or profit for the past year or two."

Need for Agriculturally Trained Bank Personnel³

A few banks have technically trained personnel who know agriculture and its needs — farm raised men with agricultural college training. Others have some one officer who is familiar with farming and who handles farm loans. To help in this field the American Bankers Association has recently issued a pamphlet entitled An Outside Program for Country Bankers.

The objectives of such a program are to (1) increase agricultural income of the community which in turn will be reflected in growth of the bank, (2) make possible more personal and more frequent contacts with potential farm customers, (3) provide a more accurate means of loan appraisal and more effective consultations between the bank and its farm customers as to their credit needs, (4) lend the bank's support in an active way to existing programs for the improvement of agricultural income and rural living, and (5) provide credit facilities that can be tailored to the needs of the farmers in the community.

Repayment Plans¹

Any plan the prospective borrower presents should indicate what income is expected and that it can meet both living and operating expenses and the payments of principal and interest. It should show how the loan will increase his ability to pay and the method of repayment. Repayment plans vary with the type and purpose of the loan.

Loans should be amortized on a plan adapted to the borrower's ability to repay. The loan contract should permit, and the borrower should take upon himself, repayment of the loan faster than the contract calls for, yet

not so fast as to restrict his usual farming operations.

Subject to applicable banking laws, both the length of time the loan is to run and the frequency of payment should depend upon (1) the type

of farming, (2) the productive capacity of the farm, (3) the size of the loan, and (4) the borrower's ability to meet the payments. On crop farms it is usually desirable to have payments made at the time the crops are normally sold. On dairy and poultry farms, monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual payments are desirable.

Amortization Loans²

Every farm mortgage should have a "pay day". A farm mortgage is a long-time investment. Much can happen to prices that will affect the repayment ability of the farmer. Unless regular payments are made to reduce the indebtedness, the farm may be lost when low prices and heavy unreduced debt coincide. Amortization of the loan is particularly important, so that even with lower prices there still remains enough farmer equity in the farm business so that the owner can pay out.

With loans from individuals, repayment plans are likely to be variable and frequently not on an amortization plan. Banks use commonly one of

two plans: constant payment and diminishing payment.

The most common amortization plan is the constant payment plan which calls for the same number of dollars to be paid to the bank on each payment throughout the life of the loan. Thus the interest share of the pay-

ment decreases and the principal share increases.

Banks have found that the straight business loan payable in full at maturity or on demand is undesirable for both borrower and bank, except when made in a very conservative amount or on desirable property to a borrower who has good reasons for not making installment payments on principal. This is especially undesirable for a farm mortgage loan.

Monthly payment loans are desirable on dairy and poultry farms where income is regular and repayment may be scheduled to receipt of milk or

egg checks.

Budget type loans are tailored to fit the needs of the operator requiring increasing amounts of credit over a more or less definite period such as in construction or improvement work. Advance commitments are made by the bank which assure the borrower that funds in specific amounts will be available as needed.

Bank Loans³

As agriculture becomes more commercialized, commercial banks expand their agricultural loans. Formerly most of such business was for operating loans and only a small percentage for real estate loans. In more recent years, however, commercial banks have been rapidly expanding their farm mortgage business. Banks have been and will continue to be the most active institutional lenders to farmers. Farmers need bank services. The great variety of operations in agriculture require adequate and reasonable financing, from the simplest of operating loans to long-term farm mortgages. The local banks have a real opportunity and a responsibility to serve. Theirs is a double function to loan money for the various agricultural purposes and to help the farmer keep in a sound financial position.

Size of bank loans. Banks loan from 40-70 percent of the appraisal value on real estate. The maximum amount varies.

Maximum period. The majority of banks make real estate loans from 5-15 years. A few loan for longer periods.

Interest rate. Most banks charge five percent on real estate loans, although some charge six percent on small loans, and on other types of short-term loans six percent is the usual charge.

Repayment of loans. The majority of banks prefer a monthly repayment basis or at least some regular and planned method of repayment.

Cost of obtaining loans. There is usually no charge made in arranging small loans unless a chattel mortgage is required. On real estate loans, costs of abstract of title and recording of mortgage are usually borne by the borrower. Some banks make a charge for appraisal but the practice is in general declining.

Advantages. Bank loans are usually available on short notice and immediately available where a credit rating has been established. Even where mortgages are involved service is usually as fast as can be obtained anywhere.

Disadvantages. Formerly, most banks wrote notes of from one to four months on ordinary type loans. They have found by experience, however, that this is not long enough for financing most farm operations. Some banks make demand loans with terms on a monthly repayment schedule that run from 3-30 months. Some draw notes for 12 months and some have 3-month notes renewable until loan is repaid. Nevertheless, there may be an element of uncertainty involved in case an extension may not be granted, even though needed. Very few banks will write real estate loans to run as long as the Federal Land Bank or governmental agencies.

Production Credit Associations³

These are cooperative organizations designed to extend short-term credit to farmers. They are set up by farmers for farmers. Five directors are elected from the membership. The loans made are technically short-term, but are often written with an agreement concerning renewal. While individual notes are written for 12 months or less, the loans for cattle or heavy

machinery may run up to 2½ years.

The net rate of interest is slightly above the stated interest rate, as the borrower is required to own stock at the ratio of \$5 for each \$100 or fraction thereof borrowed. It has the advantage, however, that this stock can be used for further loans or may be sold to other members when the loan is retired. Some production credit associations have paid dividends on such stock. There is an association charge of ½ percent as a service fee, such as recording of chattel mortgages. Some loans are made without chattel mortgages where credit ratings are very good. Interest is paid only on money used, so that repayments will reduce the interest charge. A summary of facts on production credit loans follows:

Loaning Agency. Contact local Production Credit Association offices (See Appendix B).

Who may borrow. A farmer in sound financial position with indication that he has ability to repay the loan.

Principal purposes for which loans are made. General agricultural purposes, including financing, producing, harvesting, and marketing agricultural products; breeding, feeding, and marketing livestock; repair and alteration of buildings; purchase of machinery, equipment, fertilizer, seeds, and spray materials; to refinance indebtedness; also for rent, taxes, interest, insurance, and medical costs.

Maximum loan. It in general depends upon the farmer's sound need for credit and his ability to pay out of income.

Maximum period. Twelve months, but subject to renewal for certain types of loans.

Interest rate. The rate is six percent a year on the unpaid balance only. (One association charges five and one-half percent.)

Time required to obtain. Usually from one to six days is the time required to obtain a loan, unless the borrower has arranged a line of credit in advance.

Repayment. Each loan is treated as an individual case to arrange repayments which will come due when there will be income to meet them. For example, loans to be repaid from dairy income provide for monthly payments, whereas a loan to grow potatoes need not mature until the crop is harvested and sold. Poultry loans usually mature in a year. Livestock, machinery, and improvement loans may be repaid over two to two and one-half years. But all notes on these larger loans are written for a maximum of one year.

Cost of obtaining loan. Fixed costs include the ownership of \$5 in stock for each \$100 borrowed. While this is not actually a cost, it is a necessary expenditure. Costs not fixed are the loan service fee and recording fees, if any, on the chattel mortgage.

Advantages. You can draw the money as needed. Interest is paid only on the money as used. Repayment can be made under arrangements which are suitable for your conditions. The organization is a cooperative.

Disadvantages. Production credit associations, as do most banks, sometimes require a chattel mortgage. Cost of the loan is higher than the quoted rate when purchase of stock, appraisement, checking on encumbrances on chattels, and registering the chattel mortgage when required are included.

Federal Land Bank Loans³

Loaning agency. National Farm Loan Associations, through the Federal Land Banks, are fully farmer owned and operated cooperative agencies for loaning money to farmers on farm mortgages. Loan funds are obtained from the sale of debentures and bonds to the investing public through the agency of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank.

Principal purposes for which loans are made. To buy land, construct buildings, make farm improvements, pay farm debt, purchase equipment and livestock, educate children, and for any agricultural purpose.

Maximum loan. Up to \$100,000. The loan may be made up to a maximum of 65 percent of the appraised normal agricultural value of the security.

Maximum period. Usually 20 or 33 years.

Interest rate. At present the rate is four and one-half percent and may not be raised during life of loan.

Repayment. The loan is amortized. Repayment may be made in semi-annual installments which cover the interest on the unpaid balance, plus a small portion of the principal. On the 20-year and 33-year plans, required payments on the principal each six months would be \$25 and \$15, respectively, per \$1,000 of the original loans. The principal payment is in addi-

tion to the half-year's accrued interest on the unpaid balance of the loan. Special repayments are permissable at any regular payment period.

Security. First mortgage on the farm real estate.

Cost of obtaining loan. The fixed cost is \$5 in stock of the local association per \$100 of loan obtained. Costs not fixed include the appraisal fee, not to exceed \$10; recording and closing fees to the association, usually not over one percent; and title search.

Advantages. Low interest rate which holds for entire period of the loan, long period for repayment with no renewals necessary, loan paid in many relatively small amounts (amortized), and borrower has the privilege to pay more than the required installments and thus get out of debt sooner.

Disadvantages. It takes some time to put the loan through.

Comment. Farm Loan Associations, and the Lank Bank itself, are credit cooperatives which are set up to meet more fully the special needs of agriculture. Both obtain their loan funds by selling debentures and bonds to the investing public.

Life Insurance Company Loans

Life insurance companies invest nearly 25 percent or \$37,371,000 of their investment funds of \$1,513,100.00 in farm real estate mortgages in the 12 northeastern states.

Information about such funds, their availability, interest rates, appraisal costs, applications, amortization plans, etc., may be obtained from any local insurance company representative.

Bank For Co-operatives Loans³

Loaning agency. Bank for Co-operatives.

Principal purposes for which loans are made. They are made to agricultural co-operatives for construction, purchase, or refinancing indebtedness on physical facilities; ordinary operating expenses, payrolls, carrying inventories and other current needs; and loans on properly stored staple commodities for possible advances to members.

Maximum period. Physical facility loans, usually not over seven years (occasionally ten years); operating capital loans, one year (occasionally three years); commodity loans, usually not over nine months.

Interest rate. Physical facility loans, four percent; operating capital loans, three percent; commodity loans, two and one-quarter percent.

Repayment. Physical facility loans are amortized, usually in regular installments; operating capital loans, when amortization is optional, usually are paid at the end of the season; commodity loans, which are not amortized, usually are paid from proceeds of collateral sold.

Cost of obtaining loan. There are no fixed costs. Costs not fixed are possible legal expense on the part of the co-operative in closing loan.

Advantages. Low interest rates, especially suited to co-operatives, and bank renders advisory service.

Comment. The Bank for Co-operatives assists and encourages the cooperatives, which borrow from it, in setting up better systems of records, establishing more sound credit policies, improving membership relations and finances, and in keeping regular and complete audits.

Farmers' Home Administration Loans³

The Farmers' Home Administration was set up to provide credit for those farmers who could not get credit at the usual reasonable business rates, and who, in spite of financial difficulties, seemed to have a good chance to pay out.

Operating Loans

Loaning agency. Farmers' Home Administration (see telephone directory for nearest local office).

Principal purposes for which loans are made. The purchase of livestock, equipment, feed, fertilizer, and seeds; farm operating costs and home living expenses; household expenses and family subsistence, including medical care.

Requirements for obtaining a loan. Borrower must be a farmer earning most of his living by farming or have experience in farming and want to operate a family-type unit for the principal part of his family living. He must not be able to borrow elsewhere at reasonable rates. He must be a citizen of the United States.

Maximum loan. In one year, \$7,000; in total, \$10,000.

Security. A mortgage on the chattels bought and on crops and livestock raised.

Maximum period. Seven years, if circumstances warrant.

Interest rate. Five percent.

Repayment. As suited to needs, but annual or sometimes more frequent payments are necessary.

Cost of obtaining loan. There is no cost for application, but a fee is charged for recording the chattel mortgage.

Advantages. It follows the Land Bank farm loan amortization plan. The borrower receives guidance from a supervisor, the cost of obtaining the loan is low, and requirements are less exacting because loans are made when other sources are not available.

Disadvantages. Tendency to over-loan on properties that sometimes lack the opportunity for expansion at a later date.

Where to apply. Ask the county agent for name and address of the local farm home loan secretary.

Comment. Loans are possible where other credit would not be obtainable. It is of interest to veterans and others who have ability but little capital.

Farm Ownership Loans

Loaning agency. Farmers' Home Administration.

Principal purposes for which loans are made. The purchase of a productive family-type farm, enlargement of your present farm, repair or remodeling of buildings, land dainage, irrigation, and land clearing.

Requirements for obtaining a loan. Persons eligible must be: (1) a veteran, farm tenant, farm laborer, share-cropper, or the owner of an inadequate or under-improved unit, (2) a citizen of the United States, and (3) unable to get a loan elsewhere (at rates not exceeding five percent).

Maximum loan. Up to \$12,000 or to 90 percent of the appraised value on insured loans. Conservative values must apply because these are long-term loans.

Security. First mortgage on real estate.

Maximum period. 40 years.

Interest rate. Four percent.

Repayment. The loan is amortized. Payments as low as \$50.52 per \$1,000 can be made as in a 40-year loan.

Cost of obtaining loan. There is no application cost, but a recording fee is charged.

Advantages. A small amount of capital is required, the loan is available on a long-term basis, repayment may be made in small units, the agreement permits refinancing, and supervisory help is given. Disabled veterans on pension may be able to secure a loan.

Where to apply. Ask the county agent for the name and address of the local farm home loan secretary.

Comments. Insured mortgage loans involve funds from private lenders. The requirements and conditions are similar. However, a \$20 appraisal fee is charged.

Farm Housing Loans

Loaning agency. Farmers' Home Administration.

Principal purposes for which loans are made. They must be used to construct, improve, alter, repair, or replace farm buildings.

Requirements for obtaining a loan. Persons eligible must: (1) be a farm owner, (2) have insufficient resources to provide necessary buildings, and (3) be unable to secure credit from other sources on terms which are reasonable.

Maximum loan. There is no definite limit except for \$1,000 on minor repairs.

Security. First mortgage on real estate.

Maximum period. 25 years for \$2,500 to \$7,000; 20 years for over \$7,000.

Interest rate. Four percent.

Repayment. Amortization over 5 to 25 years.

Cost of obtaining loan. Fees incidental to making and closing loan.

Advantages. Its low cost, its help to those who are unable to get loans from other sources, and the amortization terms to suit the needs of the borrower.

Where to apply. Ask the county agent for the name and address of the local farm home loan secretary.

Veterans Administration Guaranteed Loans³

Loaning agency. Banks, loan associations, and private lenders (See classified directory in the telephone book or contact the Veterans Administration; also see Appendix B).

Principal purposes for which loans are made. The purchase of farms, construction or improvement of farm buildings, and purchase of livestock or machinery.

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Requirements for obtaining a loan. Borrower must be a veteran of World War II.

Maximum loan. Indefinite.

Security. First mortgage on real estate loans; a chattel mortgage may be required on machinery and livestock loans.

Maximum period. 40 years, on real estate mortgages; 10 years, on chattel mortgages.

Interest rate. Maximum of four percent.

Repayment. Any loan of five years or more must be amortized.

Insurance features. The Veterans Administration guarantees payment of 50 percent of the loan to the lender to a maximum of \$6,000.

Cost of obtaining loan. Appraisal fee is usually \$15 to \$20; an abstract of title and recorder's fee is also charged. The Veterans Administration pays four percent of the amount guaranteed to the lender; this amount is credited to the borrower on the loan.

Advantages. The terms are very liberal. Real estate loans may not exceed the appraisal value of farm. Non-real estate loans are limited to "reasonable" value, but may be 100 percent loans if approved. Little capital is needed, if the borrower appears to be a good risk. Interest rates are reasonable, and the terms are suited to the borrower's needs. Repayment is allowed over a long period.

Where to apply. At the local bank. If the bank does not make these loans, obtain information from the state Veterans Administration office.

Comment. Veterans should bear in mind that if they fail to meet payments and their property should be sold for less than the obligation, they are still held for any shortage due the Federal Government.

Federal Housing Administration Insured Loans

Under the National Housing Act the Federal Housing Administration insures loans made by banks and others. It loans no money. Interest rates and some terms may change.

These loans are of three types: (1) for repair, alteration or improvement of existing structures, (2) to be used in whole or in part for agricultual purposes, and (3) for construction and repair of farm buildings. Information about such loans may be obtained from the local bank.

References

- (1) Agricultural Production Financing, American Bankers Association.
- (2) Farm Real Estate Financing, American Bankers Association.
- (3) Agricultural Credit for New Hampshire, L. A. Dougherty, New Hampshire Extension Circular 304.

Appendix A

Business	ofof my assets other mater nd bills be	and liabilities ial information aring my signat	at the close of for the purpose ure or endorse
Condition at close of business on the	d	ny of	19
ASSETS:		Valued at	
Farm (No. acres) including buildi Assessed for \$ Location Horses (No)		\$	
Cattle (No)		***************************************	
Sheep (No)			
Hogs (No)		******************	
Poultry (No)		*****************	
Feeds and crops on hand	***********		
Miscellaneous supplies			
Equipment		****************	
Fall plowing		******************	
Other growing crops		*****************	
Growing timber			
Cash in banks		***************************************	
Cash on hand	************	***************************************	
Other personal property Notes receivable			
Accounts receivable			
Total		***************************************	\$
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LIABILITIES:			
Mortgage on real estate			
(Mortgagee)	***************************************	
Notes		********************************	
Owing for fertilizer		*********************	
Other debts		******************	
Store accounts		***************************************	
Total		***************************************	\$
Net Worth		***************************************	\$
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Appendix B

Agricultural Credit Directory

Individuals

By inquiry locally

Bank loans

See your telephone classified directory under banks (commercial banks, cooperative banks, savings banks, trust companies)

Co-operative Association Credit

Bank for Co-operatives, Springfield, Massachusetts
Serving Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey

Bank for Co-operatives, Baltimore 3, Maryland Serving Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia

Federal Land Banks

Federal Land Bank of Springfield, Massachusetts Serving Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey

Federal Land Bank of Baltimore, Baltimore 3, Maryland Serving Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia

Production Credit Corporation Loans

Production Credit Corporation of Springfield, Mass.

Serving Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, and New Jersey

Production Credit Corporation of Baltimore, Maryland Serving Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia

Veterans Loans

Made by banks but information available at Veterans Administration office in each state.

Farmers' Home Administration

For New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut 2003 Federal Building, Boston 9, Massachusetts

For Maine 31 Central St., Bangor, Maine

For New York 236 W. Genessee St., Syracuse, New York

For New Jersey 205 Post Office Building, Trenton, N. J.

For Pennsylvania 118 Locust St., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

For Maryland and Delaware Federal Land Bank, Baltimore 3, Maryland

For West Virginia 231 Chestnut St., Morgantown, West Virginia

Appendix C

Outstanding Farm Mortgage Loans January 1, 1952

	Total	Federal Land Bank	Federal Farm Mortgage	Farmers' Home Admin.	Life Ins. Co.'s	Other
	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000
Maine	22216	2857	275	1417	345	17322
New Hampshire	13086	1653	84	147	10	11192
Vermont	30577	6149	168	695	784	22781
Massachusetts	34082	5911	405	521	681	26564
Rhode Island	4359	844	58	31	42	3384
Connecticut	24780	4422	351	297	1397	18313
New York	172350	27528	1247	2874	11130	129521
New Jersey	57232	7690	583	1717	11179	36063
Pennsylvania	141714	13664	363	4181	6453	117053
Delaware	13269	766	25	242	253	11983
Maryland	62285	4875	168	1658	4483	51101
West Virginia	30667	3962	136	2387	673	23509
Totals	606617	80321	3863	16167	37480	468786

Loans Other Than Farm Mortgage, by Farmers Home Administration January 1, 1952

	Total	Farm Owner- ship	Farm Hous- ing	Production and Sub- sistence	Dis- aster	Emer- gency Crop & Feed	To Co- oper- atives
	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000
Maine	4563	812	635	2935	58	123	0
New Hampshire	1097	132	21	918	18	8	0
Vermont	1917	662	42	1070	126	13	4
Massachusetts	989	462	70	342	110	5	0
Rhode Island	140	29	0	86	24	1	0
Connecticu.	584	217	74	257	26	10	0
New York	10237	2393	471	6549	561	77	186
New Jersey	4689	1371	384	2290	297	46	301
Pennsylvania	9937	3163	1084	5587	22	81	0
Delaware	518	204	26	262	1	25	0
Maryland	4303	1265	396	2417	23	202	0
West Virginia	4782	1536	987	2186	29	44	0
Totals	43756	12246	4190	24899	1295	635	491

Tables 3, 4, 5, Real Estate Loans to Farmers, January 1, 1952, Farm Financial Review, November 1952, U.S.D.A.

Appendix C (continued)

Non-Real Estate Loans January 1, 1952

	All Operating Banks Including C.C.C.	Insured Commercial Banks Guaranteed Loans	Production Credit Associations	Private Financing Institutions
	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000
Maine	7332	6739	2133	173
New Hampshire	3007	2678	544	0
Vermont	11840	10429	4539	0
Massachusetts	5846	5846	2031	162
Rhode Island	1214	1134	442	0
Connecticut	6717	6457	2619	0
New York	77256	77255	24230	85
New Jersey	12640	12640	4285	108
Pennsylvania	56362	56302	12568	0
Delaware	4024	4021	1580	0
Maryland	12296	12296	8356	0
West Virginia	7341	7341	2514	0
Totals	205875	203141	65841	528

From Tables 16-17, Non-Real Estate Loans to Farmers, July 1, 1952 Agricultural Finance Review, Vol. 15, November 1952, U.S.D.A.

Data on Principal Sources of Credit to Farmers*

Source	Maximum Length of Loan	Maximum Amount Loaned	Annual Interest Rate	Maximum Loan as % Appraised Value of Security Offered	d Possible Uses for Such Credit
Commercial Banks Usual Frust Companies Usual Savings Banks	Usually 15 Years	REAL	REAL ESTATE MORTCACE CREDIT 6% 50-73 nite 6% 50-73 5% 50-73	ACE CREDIT 50-75% 50-75% 50-70%	Purchase Real Estate Purchase Real Estate Purchase Real Estate
Federal Land Bank Life Insurance Farmers' Home Admin. Veterans Administration Individuals	33 Years 5-15 Years 5-40 Years 10-40 Years Various	\$100,000 Indefinite † Indefinite Indefinite	4%% 46% 45% 46% 46%	65% 50% to 100% to 100% Various	Purchase — Refinancing Purchase — Refinancing Improvements Purchase Real Estate Purchase Real Estate Purchase Real Estate
Commercial Banks { Trust Companies } Production Credit Assa. Farmers Home Admin. Merchant and Dealer Credit	3-30 Months 6-30 Months 7 Years 1-6 Months	\$10,000 Indefinite	SHORT AND INTERMEDIATE CREDIT 6% 50 75/ 0,000 5% to 100/ finite Varies	11ATE CREDIT 50% 75% to 100%	Usually for the Purchase of Farm Production Supplies
Machinery Companies	To 18 Months	Indefinite	6% added to price	to price	Farm Machinery
ndividuals	Various	Indefinite	4-6%	Various	Various Production Supplies

•All data must be considered as approximate. †Housing loans — maximum period, 20 years for loans over \$7,000, 25 years for loans of \$2,500-\$7,000.



